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Deaf and hard-of-hearing people do need closed caption so they will be able to learn how to communicate and understand the words coming from TV. Why don't people think we need closed captions on TV? That's not what some people want, but deaf people want closed captions so we can enjoy our times watching TV shows, commercials, and our favorite shows. Deaf and hard-of-hearing people are normal like other people. Plus, we have the right to enjoy TV too. We can have closed captions, but people are worrying about money. Money is not as important as people. Deaf people are important too and ought to have closed captions. There are a lot of different people in this world; we do not want to be discriminate against deaf from closed captions.

I am the only deaf in my family and community. My family and friends support me to watch TV with closed captions. Whenever there is a show without closed captions, I got upset and tried to read their lips. It is a hard job to do, but why not provide closed captions there? I am deaf and I want to communicate and catch every word from TV within closed captions just like hearing people enjoy the communication. Being deaf or hard-of-hearing doesn't mean we can't communicate, it just means we need help. Along with closed captions, we can enjoy watching TV. My family and friends watched TV shows with closed captions, because they know me as deaf and we enjoyed watching TV with it. It doesn't bother them to have the captions there because they realize that it helps me.

Since you all know that America gave us the First Amendment, "we have a free right, free speech, etc." We have our rights to have closed captions, and this is a free country! If they decided NOT to include closed captions, deaf people will have hard time catching up words in TV shows. It is not fun and it doesn't bring satisfaction. Also, you know "black and white are equal, but separate." I believed blacks and whites are normal people. However, I felt hearing people not realizing how they are treating deaf people "hearing and deaf are equal, but separate." We are not like that way, deaf people are like everyone. Please do not take our closed

captions away! We wanted to relax and enjoy times watching TV just like others do. Thank you!